ensure that the workers of both the Factories get the same financial benefit, *ex-gratia* payment is being made to make up the total benefit equal to twenty percent of their wages. Enquiry has revealed that the management has not purchased or acquired any land belonging to the local tribals during the last five years.

**Special programme for providing housing-aids to the victims of natural calamities**

*93. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are thinking of a special programme of providing housing-aids for victims of natural calamities; and

(b) what is Government's thinking in this regard and the main features of the programme, if any?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) and (b) Central assistance for repair/reconstruction of houses damaged due to natural calamities is extended to various States on the following norms:—

(1) Relocation and construction of a fully damaged house—Rs. 1,000 per unit.

(2) Repair / reconstruction of a fully damaged house—Rs. 500 per unit.

(3) Repair / reconstruction of a partially damaged house—Rs. 200 per unit.

Housing & Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) also provides loan assistance for housing schemes for E.W.S. for areas affected by natural calamities as follows:—

| Area | Ceiling cost of dwelling unit | Extent of loan | Rate of interest | Maximum period of repayment |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Urban . . . | Rs. 6,000 | 100% | 5% p.a. | 22 years |
| Rural . . . | (i) Rs. 6,000 | 50% Supplemented | 5% p.a. | 11 years |
| | (ii) Rs. 10,000 | 50% by State subsidy | 6% p.a. | 11 years |

The National Buildings Organisation also renders technical assistance with regard to housing in disaster prone areas through its Regional Housing Development Centres.

**Purchase of Eggs by the NAFED**

*94. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 2929 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th December, 1987 and state:

(a) what effective steps have been taken so far regarding market intervention for eggs; and

(b) whether the NAFED is purchasing unsold eggs in every lean period?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) Market Intervention Scheme for eggs has been continued during 1988-89 and NAFED has been authorised to implement the scheme.

(b) NAFED purchases eggs offered for sale by producers at the announced Market Intervention Price during the lean period in terms of approved Market Intervention Scheme.